THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (c) Improvement and modernisation of mail transmission and delivery is a continuous process. The Department takes various steps from time to time in this regard. No specific time limit can be set in this regard. Some of the steps taken are:—

— Sorting of machinable mail in Bomaby and Madras on Letter Sorting Machines to expedite sorting.

— Installation of Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) to speed up transmission of money orders to remote, hilly and backward areas of the country.72 such VSATs are already operational.

— A new service called Express Parcel Service has been introduced for speedier transmission of parcels from the 8 metropolitan cities to major State capitals. Besides, the Speed Post Service is strengthened for speedier transmission and delivery of premium mail.

— In the case of mails posted in bulk, the mailers are encouraged to do pre-sorting to ensure expeditious transmission of such mails to the destination.

— Special arrangements are made to sort and despatch Corporate Mails and Festivals Greeting Mails posted in the peak season of June to December.

— Rationalisation of mail processing by prioritised and segmented handling of mails of different categories according to their time-sensitivity.

— Regular check of paymeny of money orders, particularly in villages and effects to ensure supply of adequate funds for money order payment.

— The transmission and delivery of mails and money orders is continously monitoried at various levels and routing of mails is revised periodically after review.

— Use of Private Airlines, in addition to Indian Airlines for conveyance of mails.

— Supply of mopeds to postmen serving in heavier beats of selected cities.

— Computarisation of registration sorting work in major Mail Offices in a phased manner.

— Modernisation of Mail Offices to improve the efficiency of operation by supplying modern operational equipments and furniture.

Security Forces Posted in North-Eastern States

597. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the number of security forces now posted in the North-East States; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): Central forces are made available to the States to assist them in maintaining public order. The level of deployment depends upon the requirement of each state and the overall availability of forces. Keeping in view the present security scena in North-East, the Central forces have also been deployed there. However, it may not be appropriate to indicate the details of forces or level of deployment in public interest.

मध्य प्रदेश में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन हेतु प्रतीक्षा सूची

598. **श्री राघवजी:**
श्री अजीत जोगी:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आज तक की स्थिति के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश में जिला-वार टेलीफोन कनेक्शन हेतु कितने व्यक्ति प्रतीक्षा सूची में हैं;

(ख) वर्ष 1995-96 में जिला-वार कितने नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिये गये;

(ग) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान, प्रत्येक जिले में कितने नए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिये जाने का प्रस्ताव है;

(घ) प्रत्येक दूरभाष केन्द्र की जिला-वार विद्यमान और प्रयुक्त क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ड़) क्या सरकार का विचार दूरभाष केन्द्रों की विद्यमान क्षमता बढ़ाने का है;

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी जिलावार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (ग) ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिए गये हैं (नीचे देखिए)

(घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

(ड) जी हां।

(च) ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिये गये हैं।

(छ) उपरोक्त पैरा (च) के उत्तर को देखते हुए लागू नहीं होता।

विवरण

मध्य प्रदेश में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन के लिए इच्छुक व्यक्तियों की जिलावार प्रतीक्षा सूची

जिले का नाम	भाग (क) 31.10.96 की स्थिति के अनुसार की प्रतीक्षा सूची	भाग (ख) 1995-96 के दौरान दिए गए टेलीफोन कनेक्शन	भाग (ग) 1996-97 के लिए प्रस्तावित टेलीफोन कनेक्शन	भाग (च) 1996-97 के लिए प्रस्तावित क्षमता में वृद्धि
बालाघाट	190	358	246	642
बस्तर	1198	228	522	962
बेतूल	950	659	460	822
भिंड	582	1013	430	458
भोपाल	7987	9166	4705	3320
बिलासपुर	5445	207	2763	3820
छत्तरपुर	626	666	399	502
छिंदवाड़ा	1015	1709	645	1532
दमोह	254	889	215	444
दतिया	451	600	307	264
देवास	912	690	921	1122
धार	589	973	737	1098
दुर्ग	7567	2107	2763	2170
गुना	370	3418	430	1488
ग्वालियर	1736	6017	2149	1900
होसंगाबाद	1681	9	956	1786
इंदोर	4000	16433	6240	5000
जबलपुर	509	6714	3193	1642

झाबुआ	324	—52	276	812
खान्डवा	964	1419	860	1614
खरगोन	591	1690	737	1532
मंडला	72	100	154	450
मंदसौर	881	2794	1105	1724
मोरेना	648	2071	553	790
नरसिंघपुर	601	591	338	440
पन्ना	196	167	154	512
रायगढ़	611	348	399	1038
रायपुर	2987	6251	2456	2714
रायसेन	504	480	215	506
राजगढ़	354	1394	338	774
राजनंदगांव	1017	403	491	796
रतलाम	1525	1087	1136	1380
रिवा	1072	1303	553	1088
सागर	1158	2543	921	1232
सरगुजा	1236	120	645	832
सतना	1619	1846	768	1034
सिहोर	640	974	368	644
सेवनी	50	121	215	320
शहडोल	1179	556	522	928
शाजापुर	217	523	399	798
शिवपुरी	522	597	614	1156
सिद्धी	484	586	215	302
टिकमगढ़	99	599	154	340
उज्जैन	2078	1742	1842	1942
विदिशा	406	435	491	840

Cost of Irrigation Potential

599. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of creating one hectere of irrigation potential in Major and Medium sector at current prices;

(b) the cumulative irrigation potential created at the end of Seventh Five Year Plan and the total cost involved; and

(c) the gap between potential created and potential utilised?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) As assessed by tne Working Group on Major & Medium Irrigation programme set up by the Planning Commission for the Ninth Five Year Plan, the cost of creating one hectare of irrigation potential in Major & Medium irrigation sector is around Rs. 66,570/—with respect to the level of expenditure at the beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) The cumulative irrigation potential created since the beginning of First Five Year Plan to the end of Seventh Five Year Plan (excluding that created during pre-plan period) is 53.93 million hectares comprising 20.22 million hectares through